(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

योजना तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के० अलघ): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान राज्य योजना के अंतर्गत मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कृषि व संबद्ध कार्यकलापों हेतु 21383 लाख रुपये का परिव्यय अनुमोदित किया गया। वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए 18406.33 लाख रुपये का संशोधित परिव्यय अनुमोदित किया गया। योजना आयोग जिला-वार आवंटन नहीं करता।

(ग) राज्य सरकार ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान अतिरिक्त राशि की मांग नहीं की है।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Request for CBI Investigation Against Government Officials

1786. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requests from certain individuals and groups to get charges of corruption against Government officials investigated by the CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are committed for transparency in all the fields; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting the requests referred to in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SH. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) The Secretary/Head of the Department is primarily responsible for the maintenance of purity/integrity in his organisation. Complaints/requests received by the Ministries/Departments are examined by them and appropriate action is taken according to the prescribed procedure. Such of the complaints/requests which in the opinion of the Secretary/Head of the Department of the organisation, merit investigation by the CBI are entrusted to them directly by him. Therefore, the details of the requests made for investigation by the CBI are not centrally maintained. During the last three years; i.e., from 1993 to 1995, the CBI investigated 4109 cases against the public servants. The Ministry of Home Affairs are already reviewing the provisions of the Officials Secrets Act to bring it in tune with transparency in Government.

Age Relaxation to Departmental Candidates for Government Jobs

1787. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government allow relaxation in upper age limit for departmental candidates in case of direct recruitment in Ministries/ Departments while such relaxation is not given in the case of some posts;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the justification, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Relaxation in the upper age-limit is allowed to departmental candidates for appointment through direct recruitment as follows:

(A) In the case of Group 'A' and 'B' posts filled other wise than through Competitive Examination held by UPSC age relaxation is allowed upto a maximum of 5 years to such of the Government servants as are working in posts which are in the same line or allied cadres and where a relationship could be established that the service already rendered in a particular post will be useful for the efficient

discharge of the duties of the post(s) recruitment to which has been advertised.

(B) In case of Group 'C and 'D' posts relaxtion is allowed upto 40 years (45 years for SC/ST and 43 years for OBC) subject to the following conditions:

(i) the Government servant concerned has rendered at least three years' continuous service;

(ii) he is working in a post which is in the same line or allied cadre; and

(iii) a relationship could be established that service rendered in the post will be useful for the efficient discharge of the duties of the post to which recruitment is to be made.

(c) The Open Competitive Examinations for Group 'A' and 'B' posts are usually held by UPSC for recruitment to organise services such as IAS etc. and it would not be desirable to allow any age relaxation bacause the candidates of higher age group may not be able to participate in a meaningful manner in the probationary training as also to undertake the strenuous responsibilities of these services.

Evaluation of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana in Maharashtra

1788. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission had made a study of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) in Maharashtra in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the findings thereof?

(c) whether it is a fact that the study revealed that some of the village Panchayats in the State did not utilise the funds provided under JRY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission made a Quick Study of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in 1991-92.

(b) A Statement is enclosed as statement *(See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The study revealed that in 1990-91 Shiravedi Gram Panchayat (Raigad Distt.) and in 1991-92 Janraowadi Gram Panchayat (Sangli distt.) did not utilise the funds provided under JRY.

As per JRY guidelines funds are released directly to Districts. Districts in turn release funds to Gram Panchayats. The guidelines provide that the aggregate of balance with DRDA and Village Panchayats should not exceed 15% of the district allocation during the previous year. In case the opening balance exceeds this limit, the Central share of the excess is deducted at the time of release of Ilnd instalment.

Statement

The Programme' Evaluation Organisation (PEO) conducted a Quick Study on JRY in 1991-92 in ten States of the country including the State of Maharashtra. The sample for the Quick Study covered forty Gram Panchayats in 20 districts of these ten States. In Maharashtra four Gram Panchayats namely Janraowadi and Tandulwadi in Sangli district and Nadgaon Tarif Birawadi and Shiravedi in Raigad district were covered by the Study.